



Conflict of Interest Agreement Form for IHEC Members

Chennai Fertility Centre and Research Institute

IHEC Ref. No. (For office use): _____

In recognition of the fact, that I, Dr. / Mr. / Ms herein referred to as the "Undersigned", has been appointed as a Member of the Institutional Human Ethics Committee (IHEC), would be asked to assess research studies involving Human Study Participants in order to ensure that they are conducted in a humane and ethical manner, with the highest standards of care according to the applied national, local regulations, institutional policies and guidelines.

Whereas, the appointment of the undersigned as a Member of the IHEC is based on individual merits and not as an advocate or representative of a home province / territory/ community nor as the delegate of any organization or private interest.

Whereas, the fundamental duty of an IHEC Member is to independently review research protocols involving human participants and make a determination and the best possible objective recommendations, based on the merits of the submissions under review.

Whereas, the IHEC must meet the highest ethical standards in order to merit the trust and confidence of the communities in the protection of the rights and well-being of Human Study Participants.

The undersigned, as a Member of the IHEC is expected to meet the same high standards of ethical behavior to carry out its mandate.

It has been recognized that the potential for conflict of interest will always exist. But the IHEC will manage the conflict issues so that the ultimate outcome is the protection of Human Study Participants.

In accordance of the policy of the IHEC, I shall not participate in the review, comment or approval of any activity in which I have a conflict of interest, except to provide information as requested by the IHEC.

Signature : _____

Date : _____

The Undersigned will immediately disclose to the Chairperson of the IHEC any actual or potential conflict of interest that I may have in relation to any particular proposal submitted for review by the committee, and to abstain from any participation in discussions or recommendations in respect of such proposals.

If an applicant submitting a protocol believes that an IHEC Member has a potential conflict, the Investigator may request that the Member be excluded from the review of the protocol.

The request must be in writing and addressed to the Chairperson. The request must contain evidence that substantiates the claim that a conflict exists with the IHEC Member(s) in question. The committee may elect to investigate the applicant's claim of the potential conflict.

When a Member has a conflict of interest, the Member should notify the Chairperson and may not participate in the IHEC review or approval except to provide information requested by the Committee. Examples of conflict of interest cases may be any of the following,

- (i.) A Member is involved in a potentially competing research program.
- (ii.) Access to funding or intellectual information may provide an unfair competitive advantage.
- (iii.) A Member's personal biases may interfere with his or her impartial judgment.

Agreement on Conflict of Interest

In the course of my activities as a Member of the IHEC, whenever I have a Conflict of Interest, I shall immediately inform the committee not to count me toward a quorum for consensus or voting. I, Dr. / Mr. / Ms _____ have read and I accept the aforementioned terms and conditions as explained in this Agreement.

Signature:

Date:

Chairperson, IHEC, CFC & RI.

Date: